

Yours great and wonderful work  
IN  
**Somerfet-shire.**  
OR THE  
**Charitable Farmer**  
Miraculously Rewarded,  
HAPPENING

**At WELLING,** within three Miles  
of **WELLS,** this last *Harvest.*

Where an honest Godly Person, having most part of the last Winter sold great quantities of Corn to the Poor in their distresses, at six Shillings the Bushell, when the Market-price was ten or eleven Shillings; (for which he was much derided at by his Neighbours) was recompensed by an extraordinary Crop of Wheat, the like before never heard of; each Stalk having divers full large Ears; some 10, some 12, some 13, but generally 10 Ears, on every Stalk, one with another throughout the Field, which was Ten Acres, and upwards.

Any Person may see one of the Ears of the Corn at *Joseph's Coffee-house* in *Switthins-Alley,* near the *Royal Exchange.*

Published as a grateful acknowledgement of the Goodness of Providence, and to stir up all to Faith in God and Charity, towards their Neighbours, from the Consideration of so remarkable an Example.

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**With Allowance.**

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*He giveth Seed to the Sower, and Bread for Food, and will multiply your seed, and increase the fruits of your Benevolence, 2 Cor. 9. 10.*

*He that withholdeth Corn, the People will Curse: but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it, Prov. 11. 26.*

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And great and wonderful work

# Golden-Rune

OF THE

## Charitable Run

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HAPPENING

At WASHINGTON, within three days

of WEED, this day

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# Miraculous NEVVS

FROM

## Summerfet-shire:



HEN GOD vouchsafes to  
 Speak in Miracles of Mer-  
 cy to the Sons of Men, 'tis  
 certainly their Duty to an-  
 swer in Loud Echo's of  
 Praise and Thanksgiving.  
 Thus it has in all Ages been  
 the Practice of the Ser-  
 vants of the Lord, to Re-  
 gister and Proclaim the  
 Signal Actions of Provi-  
 dence, happening in their

Day, both for the Confirmation of their own faith, and  
 Engaging Posterity to trust in that God that has done  
 such mighty things for their Predecessors, next to those  
 Sacred Authors of the Soul, Scripture Promises, there is

nothing a Christian relies on more, then the sweet *Experiences* of Gods gracious dealings with him or others in his Condition, in times by past. Wherefore having been in part an Eye-witness of this Signal mercy, which I am going to relate, I could not but think it my duty to make the same publick; and hope though it come abroad in the Garb of a Pamphlet, the Truth of the Narrative, and nature of the thing, may render it worthy the notice of sober Men, and rescue it from that contempt justly due to those many stragling Sheets, wherewith our Streets are daily pesterd; Seldom fraught with better Lading than Stories, either Fictitious or useles.

It cannot but be known to all, (by sad experience I fear too many of the poorer sort) that most kinds of Provision have of late been dear, and particularly Bread (Justly reputed the Staffe of Life) VVheat having last Spring and Summer, been sold in several parts of *England*, for 10. or 11. Shillings the Bushell: In which Scarcity, though *London* and the places adjacent, were plentifully supplied with Corn from beyond the Seas: Some hundred thousand Quarters of *French* Wheat, being brought in, yet remoter parts of the Nation suffered very considerably, but more especially the West; partly by reason of the thin Harvest there, the other Year, and partly too from the wretched Covetousness of some Farmers, who kept up their Corn on purpose to make a *Dearth*, and would not bring it to Market till they had got it to an excessive Rate; It being Sold last VVinter at several places in *Summer-set-shire*, at Twelve Shillings a Bushell: A price which thousands of poor People were not able to raise; and therefore many that had great Charges of Children, and little Employment, were forced to make Bread of Pease, and Tares, &c. and exposed to much want and Hardship.

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When Corn grew thus dear in the Markets; An honest Godly Farmer, living at a small Village called *Welling*, Scituate within three or four Miles from the City of *Wells*, in *Summer* (whose Name I am Obliged to Conceal, having no leave from himself to publish it) taking into consideration the Deplorable Condition of many poor Families round about, thus in Necessity and almost ready to perish; resolved to afford them not only his pity (that Common but useless Slave of Misery) but also to Contribute what he could effectually to their Relief: And to that purpose having a considerable Stock of Wheat by him, he freely Sold it to all such as he knew to be poor People, after the Rate of Six Shillings a Bushell, although it were generally Sold by all others in the Markets thereabouts at Ten or Eleven Shillings at least. And thus he continued selling most part of the last Winter, Spring, and Summer; as long as he had any Wheat left that he could spare from his own necessary use. And by this Christian Compassionate dealing, tis verily believed he was under God, a means to preserve above a hundred Families.

This good *SAMARITAN*, though he had a competent Estate to live contented, and comfortably with, Yet he was no great Rich Man; which occasioned several of his Neighbours to look upon themselves far beyond him in point of Estate, to envy and deride him, as Acting very foolishly in not making the most of his own (as they vainly called it) forgetting that whatsoever we enjoy, is but lent us by the Lord, who expects it to be improved to his Service; and the Good of our fellow-Creatures; one of these Churlish *Nababs* (as tis said) one day telling him, that if he parted with his Corn so freely, he would shortly come to want bread himself. To all which this Good-man meekly answered: That he thought it his duty to relieve People in distress to his Ability, that he reckoned he might afford it at the rate he sold it for, and ve-

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only believed, he should be never the poorer for not expecting these unreasonable Prises which others took; for what God was able to make it up to him some other way, and that he should cast himself wholly on his good Providence.

And now, Christian Reader, prepare thy Attention, to observe Gods wonderfully making good that promise in his Holy Word, that he will never deceive them that trust in him; since by so strange a means, he hath been pleased to return this Charitable person Ten fold, in a marvellous Crop of Wheat; such as 'tis thought no Age could ever parallel.

For having sown a piece of Ground with Wheat, containing somewhat above Ten Acres, though the Soil were but mean, and not any way considerably prepared by amendment, yet the Blades come up very thick and promising; but what was infinitely more strange, when it came to Ear, there came forth many several, and distinct Ears upon one Stalk: Some having 7, some 8, some 9, and so to 13, upon some; so that throughout all that Ten Acres of Corn, every Stalk one with another, may be justly reckoned to produce Ten Ears apiece.

The Wheat is of that kind which they call Bearded, and has many Bristles growing up with the Ears, the Stalks are somewhat bigger then ordinary; yet not much, and 'tis very wonderful to think how they should be able to support such a weight, for the Ears are generally large, and full of excellent Wheat; so that it is reasonably computed by the modest Guessors, that there is as much Wheat produced upon this Ten Acres, as ever was before upon ten times the same quantity of Ground; or that, as I am credibly informed, it yields as in the Thrashing, answerably to the Bulk and Growth of it.

The matter is a truth, known and admired throughout most of the West of *England*, and to several Persons in this City of *London*, divers Ears being brought up by some persons lately in those parts; whereof my self have seen some at the Coffee-house in *Bedlam*; and others are to be seen at the *Royal Exchange*, by any persons whose curiosity shall desire the same. Some Scoffing Atheist may perhaps endeavour to render it improbable or disbeliev'd, but we hope the more sober and judicious, finding it an undoubted Reality, of which they cannot but be satisfied upon a small enquiry, will regard it with more consideration, and give Glory to God; who by so remarkable an Instance, hath been pleased to declare his Providence, and make known not only that he is, as to his existence, but that he is a Rewarder (sometimes even in this life) of all those that trust in him, and obey his Commandments. And may this president awaken all, to abandon their Cruelty, and Uncharitableness, and to learn to do good and communicate; for with such things the most High is well pleased, and will recompence the same, according to his promise, pronounced by the wisest of Kings, *Prov. 11. 25. The liberal Person shall have plenty, and he that watereth, shall be watered himself.*

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